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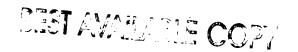
1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 1 claim 5, wherein the conductive powder has an average particle diameter of 10 nm to 100 μm .

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The separator A separator for a fuel cell of claim 1, comprising a base material in the form of a flat plate having a plurality of parallel grooves at one or both sides thereof, and a film comprising a conductive powder and a binder on a surface of the base material, wherein the conductive powder is a carbon powder and the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 5.0 g per q of the film, and a thickness of 0.5 to 300 μ m.

6. (canceled)



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- 7. (currently amended) The separator A separator for a fuel cell of claim 1, comprising a base material in the form of a flat plate having a plurality of parallel grooves at one or both sides thereof, and a film comprising a conductive powder and a binder on a surface of the base material, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of a thermosetting resin, a thermoplastic resin and a rubber and the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 5.0 g per g of the film, and a thickness of 0.5 to 300 μ m.
 - 8. (canceled)
 - 9. (canceled)
- 10. (previously presented) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 3, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.

- 11. (previously presented) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 5, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.
- 12. (previously presented) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 7, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.
- 13. (new) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 7, wherein the conductive powder has an average particle diameter of 10 nm to 100 μm .
- 14. (new) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 13, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.